

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is an image forming method comprising: developing a latent image formed on a cylindrical electrophotographic photoreceptor having a cylindricity of 5 to 40  $\mu\text{m}$ , with a developer comprising a toner sufficing at least one of conditions (1) to (5):

- (1) A toner includes toner particles having a variation coefficient of shape coefficient of not more than 16 percent.
- (2) A toner includes at least 65 percent of toner particles having a shape coefficient in the range of 1.2 to 1.6.
- (3) A toner includes at least 50% of toner particles in number having no corner.
- (4) A toner includes toner particles having a number variation coefficient in the number particle size distribution of not more than 27 percent.
- (5) A toner has M of at least 70 percent, M being sum of  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  wherein  $m_1$  is relative frequency of toner particles, included in the most frequent class, and  $m_2$  is relative frequency of toner particles included in the second frequent class in a histogram showing the particle size distribution, which is drawn in such a manner that natural logarithm  $\ln D$  is used as an abscissa, wherein D (in  $\mu\text{m}$ ) represents the

particle diameter of a toner particle, while being divided into a plurality of classes at intervals of 0.23, and number of particles is used as an ordinate.